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- A resumption of Aprista labor agitation throughout Peru has been reported. two instances, the Government took immediate energetic action, indicating its concern over such matters during the present crisis period.
- 2. As was previously reported, the Aprista headquarters issued orders to drop labor agitation during the attempted Llosa uprising of early July. The APRA took a stand supporting the Government during that time. According to source, Aprista labor agitation has now been renewed on the sugar estates of the Trujillo-Chicana Valley area, under the personal direction of Leopoldo Pita. Pita's mood, which has been described as "ugly", has not been improved during the enforced period of inactivity. It has been noted that a new "anti-gringo" and "anti-white" note has appeared in his propaganda, which is causing alarm among the sugar estate owners of the area.
- Upon renewal of Aprista labor agitation among the employees of the Santa Corporation, the Government, instead of temporizing as usual, promptly seized the local Aprista labor leader and transported him to jail in Lima.
- In anticipation of the threatened railway workers' strike on the Central Railway, the Peruvian Corporation asked the Government for troops for the protection of lives and property in case of violence. Such requests are said to be automatic, but are usually denied or half-heartedly complied with. It is reported, however, that substantial numbers of troops were immediately made available by the Government, which on Tuesday, 10 August, guaranteed the railway full protection.

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